declining trend. No infiltration of foreigners through Indo-Nepal Border has come to notice except the routine traffic of local population because the border is open by virtue of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal.

(c) and (d) A series of measures have been taken to curb and prevent infiltration. These include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, surveillance on the coastal area, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillence equipments etc.

Killing of Businessmen in Delhi by Police

3413. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incident which resulted in the deaths of two businessmen in Delhi by the Delhi police officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the deceased businessmen shot at the police party which provoked them to shoot back;

(c) if not, the action Government have taken against the police officials who had shot the innocent persons without any provocation; and

(d) whether Government propose to impose deterrent punishment on such officials so as to avoid the occurrence of such incidents in future; and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Two persons were killed and one person injured by a team of Delhi Police, officials in a shoot out incident in Connaught Place, New Delhi on 31.3.1997 allegedly under mistaken identity.

(b) to (d) The investigation of the case has been handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation. 15 police officials directly involved in the incident have in the meantime been placed under suspension.

Psychiatric disorders in Delhi Police Personnel

3414. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 80 percent of the police officers are suffering from psychiatric disorders in Delhi because of their hectic duties and heavy pressure on them; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the study made, there is a high prevalence of psychological problems in the police personnel. The study, however, admits that whether it is comparable with other occupation or jobs is not known. It needs to be added that the study was based on a sample survey and self-reports.

Bomb Blasts in the Country

3415. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of bomb and RDX explosive blasts in the country during 1997 so far in different part of the country, indicating the number of casualties and other damage caused to public

and other property including the railway property;

(b) the details of the militant, anti-social and other organisations Indian and foreign, found involved in these blasts; and

(c) the steps taken to bring the culprits to book and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) 168 blasts including RDX explosions took place in Jammu and Kashmir during the current year (upto April 15, 1997) in which 69 persons were killed, 26 houses, 10 shops and one school buildings and 6 vehicles were damaged. In the rest of the country, as per information available, 27 blasts were reported killing 12 persons and injuring 85. Details of damage caused to public property etc. in states other than Jammu and Kashmir is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) There are various militant groups which are involved in these acts and these groups are aided and abetted by Pakistani Intelligence Agency, ISI. The main organisations involved in Jammu and Kashmir are Hizbul Mujahideen, Harkat-ul-Ansar, Bashkar-e-Toiba, Al-Jahad, Tahreed-Ul-Mujahideen etc. Various steps have been taken which include vigil on the border and indepth areas, increase in Naka parties, establishment of pickets manned by security forces at important places etc. Other steps include gearing up of intelligence machinery, stricter enforcemnt of existing regulations and close coordination between the concerned Central and State agencies. In addition, action against the arrested militants is taken under the relevant provisions of law.

Lower calories of Food for BSF Constables

3416. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fifth Pay Commission has recommended 2900 calories of food for BSF constables against the requirement of 3850 calories prescribed by the Nutrition Advisory Council and Medical Council of India for such category of personnel; and

(b) if so, the reasons for recommending lower calories to them as compared to Army Personnel deployed in the similar border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. BSF non-gazetted personnel are allowed ration money equivalent of 2900 calories. However, BSF personnel deployed under operational control of Army are allowed ration at par with Army. The Fifth Pay Commission has recommended payment of Ration money allowance at the existing scale.

Demand for Official Status to Maithili Language

3417. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the discontentment and disaffection amongst the more than 25 million Mathili speaking people of Bihar over the issue of grant of official status to Maithili language which has been hanging fire for more than three decades;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand of Sahitya Academy for immediate inclusion of Mathili language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the legislation is proposed to be brought forward in the Parliament?